

Major Events in Macau

March 2009

"Studying in the U.S." Road Trip goes to Macau on March 18

On March 18, by invitation from the Macao Polytechnic Institute, the IRC arranged for Consular Officer Anne Wan and IIE Senior Academic Advisor Michelle Mak to conduct a seminar on studying in the U.S. About 25 parents and students participated in the seminar. Some of those who had already applied to schools in the U.S. were concerned about applying for student visas and asked many questions about it. Later that day, the two representatives spoke to a group of 40 high school students at Escola Tong Sin Tong. They learned about the American system of higher education and options for further study. The event was covered by the Macao Daily News.



February 2009

Undergraduates in Macau Energized by Obama Taking Office

On Thursday, February 26, a panel of Consulate General Officers and local Americans held Black History Month programs at the University of Macau (UMac) and the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST). Audiences of more than one hundred attended each of the lively two-hour panel discussions on "The Election of Barack Obama—Change Has Come." Students from the mainland made up a third of the audience at UMac and more than half of the audience at MUST. Consulate Speakers were: PAO Tony Hutchinson, APAO Dale Kreisher, Consular Officers Victor Marsh and Brian DaRin, and Office Management Specialist Adrian Dorman; local panelists included Dr. Henry Pontell (a Fulbright professor now at MUST), Dr. Katie Wilhelm (head of the UMac English Learning Center), Kim Johnson and Reggie Martin from Macau Amcham, and MUST dean of Students Alex Chen.



December 2008

Christmas gathering at the American Corner

On December 17, 2008, Fulbright English Teaching Assistants in Macau organized a Christmas gathering at the American Corner inviting students from all Macau universities to participate, enjoy music and practice English. Around 40 people came to decorate cookies, listen to music and eat pizza and noodles.



November 2008

Seminar: Studying in the U.S.

On November 21, to observe the International Education Week, IRC has worked with the IIE and the Consular Section to hold a seminar on "Studying in the U.S." at the American Corner conference room and also at the Macao Polytechnic Institute. Consular officer Brian DaRin gave a presentation on visa procedure. IIE representatives gave information on the U.S. higher education system. More than 60 students and members of the public attended the seminar.



English Programs: Regional English Language Officer (RELO) Damon Anderson visited Macau to conduct English programs from November 17 – 19:

- On November 17 and 18, RELO Damon Anderson gave workshops and seminars to English instructors and students of the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST)



- On November 19, in the morning, RELO Anderson gave a presentation at Macau Polytechnic Institute Bell Center to around 30 participants. In the afternoon, RELO Anderson visited the Escola Secundaria Luso-Chinesa de Luis Gonzaga Gomes and talked to more than 100 students for 45 minutes. According to the teachers, this was their first time listening to a native English speaker.



Election Day Events at American Corner

On November 5, to promote the understanding of the U.S. presidential election, the American Corner has arranged the live broadcasting of the Presidential Election at the video viewing room. More than a hundred audiences gathered there to watch the historical election of the first Black President of the United States.



Sponsored by the Hong Kong America Center, the English Language Center arranged a panel discussion at the American Corner conference room after the election result was announced. The discussion was moderated by Fulbright Professor Mike Roskin. Consular Officer Brian DaRin gave a presentation of U.S. election system to about 50 participants before the discussion started. The discussion ended at around 3 p.m.



October 2008

Mock Debate and Campus Vote

Oct 29, the English Language Center and the University Library organized a “Mock Debate and Campus Vote” at the American Corner. The UMAC Debate Team presented two presidential platforms in a mock debate format. They reenacted an American Presidential Debate and presented on various election topics. 43 students attended.



Seminar: American Electoral College system - Learn how Americans elect their political leaders through their unique electoral system

Presented by Prof. Michael ROSKIN of the Lycoming College, (Fulbright Lecturer at the University of Macau, Department of Government and Public Administration) at the American Corner, University Library, University of Macau on Oct 23, organized by the English Language Center and the University Library. About 40 students attended.

